



Coppell Connection Volunteer Opportunities

Coppell residents choose this community because of the “small town feel.” Residents truly care about each other. Volunteering your time and expertise is one way to help make your community stronger.

The City of Coppell recognizes and welcomes the extraordinary value that volunteers bring to the public stewardship, citizen engagement, and expanded resources of our programs, projects, events, and activities.

Looking for volunteer opportunities? Your local community is a great place to start. Visit <http://coppelltx.gov/about-coppell/volunteer-opportunities> for more information.

Holiday Closings

All City of Coppell administrative offices, Coppell Municipal Court, Animal Services, Coppell Senior and Community Center at Grapevine Springs, and the William T. Cozby Public Library will close at noon on Wed., Nov. 27, and all day on Thurs. and Fri., Nov. 28 and 29, in observance of Thanksgiving.

The Coppell Aquatic and Recreation Center will close at 5 p.m. on Wed., Nov. 27 and remain closed Thanksgiving Day and Fri., Nov. 29. CARC will resume regular operating hours on Saturday and Sunday. There will be no group exercise classes.

Wagon Wheel Tennis Center will close at 3 p.m. on Wed., Nov. 27 and remain closed Thanksgiving Day and Fri., Nov. 29. WWTC will reopen Sat., from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sun., 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Garbage and recycling pickup schedules will not be affected by the holiday schedule. Trucks will pick up trash and recycled items on regularly scheduled days.

You Can Be the Pollution Solution - Clean out those curbs!

Storm water pollution is a major threat to the cleanliness of our surface waters. What is storm water? Storm water is any water that flows across the land and either soaks into the ground, enters the storm drain in your street, or runs directly into the waterways.

As water flows across the land, it picks up various pollutants from the ground. The pollutants are then deposited into the storm drain leading to our surface waters. Anything that enters a storm sewer is discharged untreated into the waters we use for fishing, swimming, and the provision of drinking water. Common sources of storm water include rain, water from constructions sites, and excessive lawn watering.

The pollutants come from a wide variety of sources. Lawn fertilizers and pesticides, vehicle fluids, household chemicals, swimming pool water drained directly onto the surface of the ground, or pet waste left on the lawn only to be carried into the storm drain after a rain.

During the fall, it is not uncommon to see a build up of leaves in curbs. The leaves can clog the stormwater intakes and cause local street flooding, as well as affect water quality as they decay in the streams.

The City of Coppell passed Ordinance 2012-1312 prohibiting yard waste which includes grass clippings and leaves from entering the street: “No person shall cause or allow leaves, grass clippings, or other yard debris to enter into the street and inlet. Fallen leaves in the street shall be properly disposed of and are the responsibility of the adjacent property owner.” Blowing or sweeping yard waste into streets, sidewalks, driveways, or storm drains is illegal and violaters could be fined.

Per Ordinance 2012-1312, it is the homeowner’s responsibility to keep curbs adjacent to their residence clean and free of debris. You can be the “pollution solution.” Please keep your curbs clean and compost or recycle leaves and grass clippings.

City Offers Make A Child Smile Holiday Gift Program

The City of Coppell is once again sponsoring the special holiday program called Make A Child Smile. This annual program benefits children in Coppell by providing holiday gifts for those families who need a little extra help.

Participants may stop by the City Manager’s Office between Nov. 1 and Dec. 10 to choose a paper ornament, then purchase a gift of clothing and/or a toy for the child and finally, return it to the City Manager’s Office in Town Center, wrapped, with the paper ornament attached. City staff will deliver the gifts prior to Christmas. The program goal is to provide at least one toy and one article of clothing for each child.

Shoppers may pick up an ornament in the City Manager’s Office on the second floor of Town Center, 255 Parkway Blvd., weekdays, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. (excluding holiday hours) or may email Amy Swaim at aswaim@coppelltx.gov or Debbie Cravey at dcravey@coppelltx.gov for ornament requests. For more information, call 972-304-3663 or email aswaim@coppelltx.gov.



Holiday Food Drive - Help Feed The Hungry

This holiday season, help feed the hungry! The City of Coppell is once again hosting a Holiday Food Drive. City buildings will have a drop box handy for generous donors who would like to help. City staff will deliver the goods to north Texas food pantries.

You can help! November 1 through January 3, drop by any one of the following City facilities and leave your non-perishable item(s) in the box.

- Town Center, 255 E. Parkway Blvd.
- Coppell Development Center, 265 E. Parkway Blvd.
- Coppell Public Library, 177 N. Heartz Rd.

The City will not accept partially opened or used packages of food.

December Meetings

Published meeting dates, locations and times are subject to change. Please call the appropriate phone number to confirm.

Parks & Rec. Board **Dec. 2**

Service Center, 816 S. Coppell Rd.,
6:30 p.m., 972-462-5100

Economic Dev. Comm. **Dec. 4**

Town Center, 2nd floor conf. room,
6 p.m., 972-304-3677

Bldg. and Standards Board **Dec. 5**

Development Center, 265 E. Parkway,
7 p.m., 972-304-3500

City Council **Dec. 10**

Town Center, Council Chambers,
7:30 p.m., 972-304-3669/Time Warner 16 / Verizon 32

Planning and Zoning **Dec. 19**

Town Center, Council Chambers,
6:30 p.m., 972-304-3678/Time Warner 16 / Verizon 32

Holiday Parade and Tree Lighting

Kick off the holiday season with the 2013 Lighted Parade and Tree Lighting. This year's theme is Candy Canes and Carolers.

This fun, evening parade will take place on Sat., Dec. 7, beginning at 6:30 p.m. following the regular holiday parade route, starting at Samuel and Parkway Blvd., west on Parkway to Town Center Blvd.

Immediately following the parade, don't miss the annual Holiday Celebration and Tree Lighting in Town Center Plaza located behind City Hall. Stick around the Plaza for the plaza lighting, musical performances, refreshments and, of course, Santa Claus!

In case of inclement weather, visit the City's Web site at coppelltx.gov, or Facebook page at City-of-Coppell-TX-Municipal-Government. For more information visit coppelltx.gov.

Southern Belle Street Reconstruction Project

The reconstruction of Southern Belle, from Plantation to River Road, is underway. This project is funded by the 1/4-cent sales tax revenue designated for the reconstruction of neighborhood streets. Project includes the reconstruction of water and sewer lines, the street and the sidewalk. It is anticipated that this project will take 120 calendar days to complete.

Social Service Options

Metrocrest Social Services

www.metrocrestsocialservices.org

13801 Hutton Drive, Carrollton, 972-446-2100

Metrocrest Social Services provides short-term, emergency assistance to improve life situations. Services provided to Coppell residents include short-term emergency assistance (rental assistance, utilities assistance, food, clothing, prescriptions, gas vouchers, bus passes), employment assistance (job leads, interviewing skills, resume skills, information and referral), seasonal programs (school supplies/shoes, Thanksgiving food program, Holiday gift/food program) Volunteer Opportunities (Food Pantry, administrative, seasonal programs).

Senior Adult Services

www.sasdfw.org

One Medical Pkwy Prof. Plaza I Ste 115, Farmers Branch, 972-242-4464

Now a part of Metrocrest Social Services, Senior Adult Services is a non-profit organization committed to caring for seniors as they face either short or long term changes in abilities caused by illness or age. Supportive services such as home delivered meals, home modifications and transportation help seniors live independently. Caregivers of seniors receive information, education, consultations and support to enhance their ability to meet the needs of aging loved ones.

Children's Advocacy Center of Denton County

www.cacdc.org

1854 Cain Drive, Lewisville, 972-317-2818

The Children's Advocacy Center for Denton County serves child victims of sexual abuse or severe physical abuse and their non-offending family members. The agency provides free counseling and support services to the children and their non-offending family members. The Children's Advocacy Center for Denton County serves all Coppell residents regardless in which county they reside or their income levels. All services are free.

The Family Place Metrocrest

www.familyplace.org

P.O. Box 7999, Dallas, TX 75209, 972-243-1611

The Family Place-Metrocrest Office provides free individual and group counseling to victims of domestic violence and their children. FPM also offers a Bullyproof program, S.T.A.R.T., a teen dating violence awareness program and a sexual assault prevention program.

LaunchAbility

www.launchability.org

1208 Bontoaks Ct., Denton, TX 76210, 972-991-6777

LaunchAbility, is a nonprofit agency that is the designated Early Childhood Intervention (ECI) service provider for Coppell residents. ECI is part of a federally mandated, statewide initiative providing therapies and other services to babies and toddlers, birth to age three, exhibiting any type of delay or disability. Eligible children have conditions such as autism, spina bifida, cerebral palsy, Down syndrome, impaired vision, speech difficulties, fine motor skill delays, and hearing difficulties.

Christian Community Action

www.ccahelps.org

200 South Mill Street, Lewisville, 972-219-HELP (4357)

When a family is hungry, tired and has no place to go, it is hard for them to help themselves. Services include fulfilling the immediate crucial needs for families requiring assistance due to loss of job, or loss of property. CCA also offers adult health services, affordable daycare, a food pantry, spiritual programs and counseling, educational and vocational training, and much more.

Metrocrest Community Clinic

This 501(c)(3) charitable medical clinic provides low cost medical care for the uninsured or underinsured members of the community. The clinic is staffed by a full time medical doctor specializing in internal medicine and an experienced registered nurse serving as the Clinical Director. A multilingual office manager coordinates patient care. Patients are seen by appointment only. Appointments are available for day, evening and weekend visits. Please call 972-484-8444 for an appointment and more information.